Colchester Public Schools

NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE: DATE

5145.124P

STUDENTS

USE OF ALCOHOL DETECTION DEVICES

A. Introduction

The Colchester Board of Education is committed to promoting safe and substance-free school sponsored activities and events both on and off school grounds, The Colchester Board of Education adopts this policy for all students enrolled in our schools and their guests who attend school-sponsored events. This policy will cover all school sponsored activities and events where prior notice has been given whether conducted on or off school grounds.

1. No alcoholic or intoxicating beverages of any kind are permitted in any building or at any event or activity authorized by the Board of Education at any time.

2. The consumption of alcoholic or intoxicating beverages immediately prior to or during any school sponsored event or activity on or off school grounds is strictly prohibited by the Board of Education.

Therefore, in order to promote a safe environment for our students and their guests at school sponsored and/or Board authorized activities and events, the school administration and/or designee is authorized to employ the use of both "passive" and/or active alcohol detection devices.

The Superintendent shall work with school administrators to develop a process and timeline to reasonably ensure reliability of the screening instrument used according to manufacturer's guidelines, appropriate training of administrators and designated personnel, student privacy during the taking of the sample and security of the sample once obtained. Results of any breathalyzer testing will be maintained in a confidential manner.

B. Prior Notification

It is the responsibility of the school administration to provide prior notice of the use of alcohol detection devices to the attendees of Board of Education

authorized events. Prior notice will include, but is not limited to, notification in the student/parent-guardian handbook, notification at school-wide assemblies, notification on event specific advertisements and/or tickets, and notification on guest permission forms.

C. Refusal to Screen

Students and/or their guest who refuse to submit to alcohol detection screening at events where prior notice has been given will not be permitted to attend the Board of Education authorized activity. No refunds will be provided to these students or their guests. Parents/Guardians of these students will be contacted and informed of their refusal to screen.

D. Students Testing Positive

Students who test positive for consumption of alcoholic and/or intoxicating beverages will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with the Board's Discipline Policy #5144 and Drugs and Alcohol/Tobacco Policy #5131.6. Their parents/guardians will be immediately called to pick the student up from the school-sponsored event.

E. Breathalyzers During the School Day

Trained school personnel may ask that a student submit to a breathalyzer test during the school day if, after careful evaluation, there is reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol while in attendance at school. The breathalyzer test will be administered as noted above, with an opportunity for a second test after 10 minutes. If the student tests positive for a second time, their parents will be called and the student will face disciplinary consequences consistent with the Board's Discipline Policy #5144 and Drugs and Alcohol/Tobacco Policy #5131.6.

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